

TWENTY-FIFTH YEAR.

JOSEPH SMITH.

Services Commemorative of His Birthday Held in the Sixteenth Ward.

INTERESTING OCCASION.

It Was Participated in by Upwards of Six Hundred People.

PERSONAL REMINISCENCES

FROM THE LIPS OF THOSE WHO KNEW HIM IN HIS LIFE-TIME.

Interesting Addresses Made by

President Joseph F. Smith, President Angus M. Cannon, S. H. B. Smith, Mrs. Lucy W. Smith, Zina D. H. Smith, Mrs. Rachel Grant, Bishop R. T. Burton and Many Others.

Yesterday was the eighty-ninth anniversary of the birth of Joseph Smith, the founder of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and the occasion was very happily commemorated at the Sixteenth ward meeting house last evening. At least 600 persons assembled in the sacred edifice to listen to personal reminiscences of the deceased religious leader from the lips of those who knew him in life.

The stand was beautifully draped in white, with green vines and potted plants, forming a beautiful picture. On the wall, over the speakers' heads, were paintings representing Lieutenant-General Joseph Smith as he appeared when commander of the Nauvoo Legion, Prophet Smith at the hill Cumorah receiving the new gospel from the angel Moroni, the death scene at the Carthage jail, and others of historical interest.

Those who occupied the stand were not young men and women in the flush and bloom of youth, by any means. Nearly all were those whose heads are white with the frosts of many winters; whose eyes are dimmed with the trials of many years and who will in a brief period of the future's coming pass away to join those who have gone on before to the land of everlasting peace and rest.

The venerable Bishop Kessler, whose form is bent with the weight of the 78 years he has plodded along the pathway of life, presided. Occupying the stand with him were Joseph C. Kingsbury, aged 82; August M. Cannon, 69; President Joseph F. Smith, 56; Patriarch John Smith, 62; Edwin Stephens, 75; S. H. B. Smith, 66; George Romney, 64; W. S. Workman, 67; Edwin Johnston, 71; Amanda Kimball, 71; Mrs. Dora W. Smith, 73; A. H. Raleigh, 73; Walter Wilcox, 74; C. V. Spencer, 71; General R. T. Burton, 73; Philip, 75; Mrs. Maria Burton, 73; Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Bishop Kessler, all of whom had talked with Joseph Smith in his lifetime.

Besides these there were two of his wives, Mrs. Zina D. H. Smith, aged 74, and Mrs. Lucy Walker Smith, aged 65. Mrs. E. Maria Smith, Mrs. Elizabeth Jeff, Mrs. Roxana S. Troup and Mr. John T. Rieve had seen him but had had no conversations.

O. G. Workman and Mrs. Roxana Troup responded to an invitation from the stand for those baptized by the prophet to stand up.

Joseph C. Kingsbury was the only elder present ordained under Joseph's hands.

In introducing Elder Kingsbury, President Joseph F. Smith said he was ordained in Kirtland, Ohio, and is the man who made the first copy of the revelation or celestial marriage. William Clayton wrote the revelation as given from the mouth of Joseph, and Elder Kingsbury made the first copy. President Smith said Elder Kingsbury was a man in whom the prophet had absolute confidence; was a man who had never betrayed a trust reposed in him; the kind of a man who will stand the test and will in the end obtain eternal life.

Besides these, sitting on the stand were Apostles Heber J. Grant, John Henry Smith, Elder C. W. Penrose, Elder Joseph E. Taylor and many others.

After the opening hymn and prayer, the sacrament was partaken of and Bishop Kessler opened the meeting. He called upon the prophet's birthday as a usual event in the Sixteenth ward. Sister Romney had been giving these birthday gatherings for the past twenty years. Sometimes they were held at her house; at other times in the old school house. The meeting was only a repetition and was held in the meeting-house on account of the large congregation. It was proposed to call upon those who were acquainted with the prophet to relate their personal experience. In order that the elder ones might become familiar with his characteristics, both physical and mental, and hear the testimony of those who knew him to be, in truth, a prophet of the living God.

Bishop Kessler first knew him shortly after the removal to Nauvoo, in 1835. Nauvoo was first called Venus; but afterward acquired the name Nauvoo, although at one time it was designated the City of Joseph. Bishop Kessler declared that when he first saw him, he was convinced that he was standing in the presence of a prophet. As he grew to know the prophet better, he learned to love and revere him better day by day.

LAST OF A VERY TOUGH GANG.

Father and Seven Sons All Die With Their Boots On.

A SENSATIONAL CASE.

AN OLD INDICTMENT UNEARTHED BY THE LEXOWS.

President Joseph F. Smith undertook the management of the meeting. He prefaced his personal recollections of Joseph Smith with the expressed wish that the prophet's birthday might be made a holiday among the Saints. Next to the Savior's anniversary should be celebrated above that of all men. It is now fifty years since his death, still the Saints have never made a practice of celebrating his birth.

In calling upon those who knew him for brief reminiscences of his characteristics, it was with a view to educating those who have not seen him regarding the great founder of the church. Some knew nothing of him and others another. This, however, we should not forget that he was the man called of God to restore the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints throughout the world.

The speaker related an incident in the life of the prophet which he witnessed and that was when he (Joseph F.) and his cousin Alexander were playing marbles in front of the mansion at Nauvoo. The prophet's eldest son, Joseph, who was then a boy, was playing with him. Some might say this was a strange act for a prophet, yet he had been greatly harassed and annoyed, and would have been less than a man had he not done as he did.

Although but a boy at the time President Smith remembered seeing the prophet in uniform at the head of the legion of his army, he never forgot the prophet for the last time returning to Nauvoo, when, taunted by those who claimed that as a bad shepherd he was fleeing from his flock, he came back to go to his death at Carthage. Joseph intended to bring his people to the Rocky mountains and there find a home, but he was cut down ere the object could be accomplished, as history has related. The prophet was a man full of joy; full of gladness; full of courage; lovable and loving; and withal a true prophet of God who reigns above.

S. H. B. Smith remembered the prophet coming to his father's house and vividly recalled the memorable 27th of June when his father left on his horse to assist his brother in the distress. He, too, testified to Joseph's divinity as a prophet.

General R. T. Burton, who was ordained under the hands of Hyrum Smith, a brother of the prophet, was on guard at the time the latter was killed. It being impossible, so Bishop Burton said, for him to convey an impression of the prophet's death, he related the mantle of Joseph falling on Brigham Young. While at that memorable meeting all knew that Brigham was in front of them, it was the fact of the prophet's death that Joseph was a true prophet of God.

Mrs. Zina D. H. Smith, one of the prophet's wives, was thankful to be able to tell of the prophet. Her husband was a true prophet. She bore testimony that President Young was his rightful successor as stated by General R. T. Burton.

Lucy Walker Smith, another wife who was sealed to the prophet in Nauvoo, related an incident which occurred on the day of the prophet's death. She said that she was in the prophet's house at the time he was killed. A member of the meeting, replying to the prophet's question "Who do you suppose was my faithful?" replied, "The Lord hath revealed this unto you."

Mrs. Betshel Smith, who went to Nauvoo with the prophet, related the prophet's house although she was not acquainted with him as well as others who had spoken. She had heard him speak in New Jersey when she was a Baptist. Mrs. Grant rejoiced to say that she enjoyed now the true faith.

Mrs. Betshel Smith arose at this point to say that she had seen the prophet's portrait in the papers and that she was very much interested in the pictures were but little better than cartoons.

President Angus M. Cannon corroborated this statement and said that where the copy came from he did not know. He never saw a picture of Joseph. He had seen him often together with his wife, Emma, and all his children. He was present when the prophet was killed and he was in Nauvoo. The dogs howled and the storm raged as the prophet's life was taken.

Patriarch Smith said the pictures of Joseph were like him. He was a handsome man, six feet in height, with a full head of hair. His hair was a little shorter but of equal weight. The day they started for Carthage his father lay down at home. The speaker still carries it.

Mrs. Romney read a beautiful tribute to the memory of the dead prophet which was greatly appreciated. It was written by a boy at Nauvoo when he first met the prophet. The latter spoke to him very kindly when he landed from his boat and when he was baptized. He was present when he was baptized and he was so strong that the speaker was satisfied that he never knew his own strength.

Homers, in becoming a Mormon and related the physical characteristics of Joseph, after which he corroborated General Burton in the same particulars.

Mrs. Zina Smith made a few remarks about the prophet and his family. He was a man in whom the prophet had absolute confidence; was a man who had never betrayed a trust reposed in him; the kind of a man who will stand the test and will in the end obtain eternal life.

OLEO FRAUDS.

The Law Has Been Quite Generally Evaded.

Trenton, N. J., Dec. 23.—Since the recent United States Supreme Court decision concerning the traffic in oleomargarine, the big western dealers in that commodity have made this state the distributing center. The daily commissioner, Mr. McGuire, says they are not complying with the state laws, and announces that he intends to prosecute a large number of firms for evasion.

POPULIST SPEAKER ARRESTED ON THE CHARGE OF OBTAINING MONEY UNDER FALSE PRETEXTS—DEPOSED, SENTENCED TO BE HANGED, ESCAPED FROM AN OKLAHOMA JAIL—PROBABLY MURDERED IN CLEVELAND, O.

DAVIDVILLE, Ky., Dec. 23.—Miss John Rowsey, the desperado, was killed at Junction City last night by Town Marshal Hills, whom he resisted. Rowsey was the last of a father and seven sons, all of whom died with their boots on.

MURDERED THE WOMAN.

Charge Made Against Lewis Stone in Chicago.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—Lewis Stone is at his home, No. 535 Flourary street, and awaits arrest upon a charge of having murdered two defenseless women in Jamestown, N. Y.

He is an expert bricklayer, for many years in the employ of a firm of local contractors. He was employed in Buffalo, N. Y., and explains his presence in Jamestown in the night of the murder by saying that the train on which he was en route to Chicago stopped at that city and he was obliged to wait several hours for another train. He claims the first he knew of the crime was when he saw by the papers that he was wanted for the murder.

Chicago police notified him that they were awaiting instructions by mail, pending receipt of which he was released.

OLD CASE REVIVED.

Cripple Creek Man Unearthed by the Lexow Committee.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—E. C. Godney, president of the North River bank of New York who failed several years ago and who was indicted by the grand jury at the time of the failure of the bank, and whose indictment was one of those found in the pigeon holes of the office of the district attorney of New York, was in Chicago today on his way to New York. He declined to talk about the matter, but appeared ill at ease. The indictment was the subject of an inquiry by the Lexow committee who gave it publicity and renewed the demand for some action in the prosecution of Godney.

Godney has been living in Cripple Creek, Colo., ever since leaving New York. He declined to register yesterday. He left for the east on the 5 o'clock train.

BALLARD IS BAD.

Populist Speaker Gets in a Tight Place.

Macon, Mo., Dec. 23.—The grand jury has returned an indictment against Judge D. P. Ballard, of Los Angeles, Cal., for obtaining \$5,000 from Oswald Hicks under false pretenses on a bogus check for \$5,000, which was cashed at the bank of the city of Macon, Mo., and brought here. The case will be tried last week in February. Ballard had been in Cripple Creek, Colo., ever since leaving New York. He declined to register yesterday. He left for the east on the 5 o'clock train.

SAVED HIS NECK.

Desperado Escapes from an Oklahoma Jail.

Wichita, Kas., Dec. 23.—Oliver Jewell, one of the worst desperados in the Indian country, who was sentenced to be hanged for the murder of a man named Tom Arnold and his son in the Cherokee strip, has escaped from the Woodward, Oklahoma, jail. Two or three hundred officers and citizens of Woodward were on duty to guard him, but he was able to escape. He is certain that his friends from the Indian country aided in his escape.

PROBABLE MURDER.

Unknown Man Found with a Hole in His Head.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 23.—The coroner is investigating a case that is likely to develop into a murder. An unknown man was found beside the Lake Shore track, at the foot of Cuyahoga street, with a hole in his head, which appeared to have been made by a coupling pin or a club. There was not even a scrap of paper about the man which would lead to the discovery of his identity.

Bloody Riot at Pine Apple.

Slma, Ala., Dec. 23.—A report reached this city of a bloody riot at Pine Apple, a small place forty-three miles south of here. Particulars are very meagre. Three men were killed. The cause of the riot is unknown.

They Both Confessed.

Cardanville, Ill., Dec. 23.—Dug Henderson and Frank Jeffrey were arrested last night at Carversville, charged with the murder of James Towle. They both confessed to having committed the crime and are now lodged in the jail at Murphysboro. Robbery was the motive.

Plan to Wreck a Train.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 23.—A special to the Bee from Plattsmouth, Neb., says: A plan to wreck the Burlington fast mail was frustrated this afternoon by an accident. A track-walker discovered several logs lashed to the track on a sharp curve just in time to prevent the flyer from crashing into the obstruction.

CRIMES OF A DAY.

Dayton, Ohio, Had a Trio of Them on the Sabbath.

Dayton, O., Dec. 23.—Alex. Owens, a veteran of the Home, was placed on the cars in this city by two unknown women and became so ill before he reached his destination that the train was stopped and he died before he could get to the hospital. It was supposed to be a case of poisoning, but an autopsy by the coroner revealed the fact that death was caused by heart disease.

THE VOW TAKEN BY SHERIFF O'MARR OF MONTANA.

Denver, Colo., Dec. 23.—Twenty months ago in Meeker county, Mont., Bill Gay and his brother-in-law, Harry Gross, while resisting arrest on a charge of robbery killed Deputy Sheriff William Rader and James Mackey and were the bravest of the posse of Sheriff James O'Marr, of Meeker county, led against the outlaws, and over their graves O'Marr registered a vow to bring their slayers to justice. That vow is now fulfilled in part, for this evening at 5 o'clock O'Marr lodged Bill Gay, loaded with shackles, in jail. The double murderer was given into the custody of Sheriff Keyes, of San Bernardino county, Cal. Gay will be taken back to Meeker county, Mont., tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock.

RAGED WITH GREAT FURY.

The Old Country Swept by a Gale on Both Land and Sea.

OVER ONE HUNDRED DEATHS.

SHIPS DRIVEN ASHORE AND HOMES WRECKED.

Rivers in Holland overflowed their banks, and necessitate the use of boats in the streets—Telegraph and Telephone Wires Everywhere Broken—Many Fishing Boats Are Missing and the Worst Is Feared.

A CLUE THAT FAILED.

Hopes of Finding Stolen Property Shattered.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 23.—Detective Roman has opened a box in the vault of the National Safe deposit company, in the hope of securing stolen property said to have been deposited there by a gang of alleged thieves from Cleveland. The box was rented by Mary Gish, who, under the name of Marie Russell, is in jail in Cleveland along with half a dozen more charged with numerous burglaries.

The story, telegraphed from Cleveland about the safe deposit vaults, said Detective Roman, "is true, but it is not true that we found any stolen property. We did find some small trinkets, but a detective and a lawyer from Cleveland failed to identify any of the articles as having been stolen in the recent burglaries at Cleveland."

CRUSHED TO DEATH.

HORRIBLE WRECK ON THE MANCHESTER EXPRESS.

Thirteen Bodies Taken Out, Many of Them Horribly Mutilated—Numerous Narrow Escapes.

London, Dec. 23.—The Manchester express, between London and Northampton, which was wrecked at Chelford, last night, consisted of two engines and sixteen coaches filled chiefly with people bound from Manchester for London to spend the holidays.

The engine, which was a new one, struck the express, and the coaches which were hit by the engine were completely wrecked. The passengers were scattered in all directions, and many were killed or injured.

HEAVY FLOODS.

Holland Suffers Severely from the Storm.

Amsterdam, Dec. 23.—Heavy floods have been caused by the storm in Holland. The rivers Maas and Rott rose twelve feet, inundating parts of Rotterdam. Boats were used in the streets and in the market places, which were like lakes.

TO GOVERN ALASKA.

CONGRESS WILL PROBABLY PROVIDE A CODE OF LAWS.

Present Laws Are Ill Adapted to Local Conditions, and Many Serious Complaints Are Made by the People.

SHOT HIS SWEETHEART.

Tragic Termination to a Lovers' Quarrel in Paris, Mo.

Paris, Mo., Dec. 23.—Robert Ross shot and mortally wounded his sweetheart, Miss Betty Hayden, at Florida, this county, today. They were to be married next week, but became involved in a love quarrel this morning, when the young man became enraged and shot her. He escaped. Officers are in pursuit.

CHILDREN BURNED.

Most Horrible Casualty in Brooklyn Last Evening.

Brooklyn, N. Y., Dec. 23.—A fire occurred tonight in the flat occupied by Charles Cornwall. Both Mr. Cornwall and his wife were killed. The children were left behind. In some unaccountable way the fire started, the first indication of it being when Mrs. Jane Hanson, an elderly woman living across the hall, heard the children screaming. She opened the door of the Cornwall flat and smoke and flames rolled out, almost smothering her. She saw a smoking bundle on the floor, and it

WILL BE BOTH HOT AND BITTER.

Idaho's Senatorial Fight Attracts Great Attention at the Capital.

WRIGGLING AND WHITHING.

ALL HOPES OF A RECONCILIATION HAVE FLOWN.

Shoup Making strenuous efforts to set himself right before the people. But Sweet seems to have got a check on him—a lack of love for Dubois—Everything now goes to show that the fight will be very hot and very bitter.

WENT TO PIECES.

A BARK SUCCESSFUL TO THE FURY OF THE STORM.

Abandoned Fifty-two Miles Off Cape Flattery, But Her Crew Was Saved by the Barkentine Skagit.

Port Townsend, Wash., Dec. 23.—The bark, Southern Chief, from Tacoma for Adelaide, Australia, succumbed to the fury of the recent storm. She went to pieces and was abandoned fifty-two miles southwest of Cape Flattery. Her captain, Wm. H. Plumb, formerly of the late bark, James Chestnut, and his crew, fifteen persons all told, were taken on the sinking vessel by the barkentine Skagit and brought to this port. An unknown ship previously passed the Southern Chief and refused to heed her signals of distress. Only seven men were injured, having been jammed by lumber. The Chief ran into the gale early Thursday morning, when the bark was driven ashore, opened up seams in the vessel, and she quickly became waterlogged. Over 3,000 feet of lumber jammed her stern. A heavy sea was sweeping her decks fore and aft when the bark was driven ashore. The crew was rescued by the Skagit. The vessel was valued at \$100,000 and her cargo cost \$400,000 fully insured.

TALKED TOO MUCH.

Results of Discussing a Man's Character a Little Too Freely.

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 23.—Details of a fatal affray came from Cherokee county. Thomas McCarty, it is alleged, had been discussing the character of Green Brooks too freely of late. Brooks and his son, armed with knives, came to his house and killed him. The father was a double-barreled shotgun and when the Brooks approached, fired on them. Green Brooks received a wound which caused his death. Marion Brooks is a prominent farmer. All the parties are prominent farmers.

LYNCHING PROBABLE.

Wild Scenes Around a Jail in Augusta, Ga.—Brawl and Bloody Work of a Negro.

Augusta, Ga., Dec. 23.—Hon. William H. Fleming, speaker of the Georgia house, and Judge William F. Faye, of that county, could have wished that the mob of 500 citizens that is gathered around the county jail with the intention of lynching Jack Wiggins.

SITUATION IN GERMANY.

Not as Gloomy as Is Generally Supposed.

London, Dec. 23.—The correspondent of the Times at Berlin, says he does not think the present situation in Germany is so gloomy as it is generally supposed. He adds that Chancellor von Holenlohe has perceived that he has made a mistake, and will turn back before it is too late. There is a hope that nothing more will be heard of the socialist incident except the strengthening of the disciplinary rule of the Reichstag.

SHOT AND HANGED.

Desperate Negro Is Lynched at New Orleans.

New Orleans, Dec. 23.—George King, a desperate negro, was lynched at the slaughter house, just before the city this evening. He had a difficulty with some butchers and, saying he would not be bluffed, went off and got a shotgun and a bag of shot. Constable Guere came up and tried to arrest him, but the negro shot him in the back, from which he fired into the crowd which gathered, wounding the constable and half a dozen others. The barn was burned down and the negro forced into the open, where he was shot and then dragged to a tree and hanged.

BY THE CZAR'S ORDERS.

Berlin, Dec. 23.—It is reported from Warsaw that the czar has ordered the immediate release of the prisoners connected with the disturbance due to the populace opposing the closing of the church at Kroce, which led to excesses on the part of the conscripts.

RAIDED A TOWN.

French Band of Outlaws Once More Appears.

Chalmers, I. T., Dec. 23.—The French band of outlaws, headed by Jim French and Cherokee Bill, made a raid last night on the town of Nowata, about twenty miles north of here, on the Kansas Valley railroad. Station Agent Brinkley, stepping out on the platform of the train, found himself covered with four guns. He was marched through the waiting room and compelled to open the safe. The robbers got about \$300. They did not molest the passengers in the waiting room.

After getting the contents of the safe, they marched the agent outside, mounted and rode away, going east. It was feared that they would rob the passenger train which was due, but it pulled out in safety about thirty minutes later.

ARE WIDE APART.

At the present time there can be found but little evidence that there will be a reconciliation. Shoup is trying in every way, by the most ingenious excuses, to put himself right before the people in this matter of the senatorial contest. When he came down to Washington he evidently had some idea of patching the thing up with Sweet and Dubois, for he stated to The Herald correspondent upon his arrival. On this basis he made several visits to Sweet while the latter was sick and endeavored, as is stated in Sweet's letter, to arrive at some understanding. But by his subsequent announcements that was dashed by him to go only so far as to satisfy Sweet, without doing him the justice he demanded.

DOESN'T LIKE DUBOIS.

Nor is the feeling any better between Shoup and Dubois, since they have been talking of a reconciliation. It is hard for the two men to meet on the floor of the Senate and endeavor to keep their differences from becoming public. Their feelings may never be reconciled. Shoup seems to have become convinced, through the efforts of McConnell and a few others of the gubernatorial ring, that he is likely to lose all his right to "back him up in politics." There is no doubt that Dubois has the desire, because he knows full well that the north is determined to have a Senator from Idaho, and there is nothing in the world that would hurt his feelings more than to have the gullotine put to work on his own neck.

WILL BE HOT AND BITTER.

If the feeling exhibited in Washington is carried into the legislature one of the hottest senatorial contests in the west may be looked for. The struggle two years ago in Wyoming and Montana will not be a circumstance. In this case there is a threat that the Republican party will be split wide open. It is hardly probable that there will be even a caucus, as Shoup is too much afraid that Sweet would have full control of that by his pledged votes. The fight will be hot and bitter. The contest may be long and then one can expect sudden changes of votes from one candidate to another and as sudden signs of wealth on the part of the man who changed his vote. However, even the fact that money can be brought to the front may not settle the affair and there is a strong possibility that the disunited factions will try to come to an agreement on a dark horse or that one or the other will make substantial concessions to the Populists, who will hold the balance of power between them, and thus the matter will be settled.